



MASCIARELLI

(Left) The 18th century Castello di Semivicoli is the awe-inspiring home to Masciarelli's tasting room and guest accommodations. Gianni Masciarelli (right) was a true pioneer of Abruzzo, producing world-class quality wines years before other winemakers in the region followed suit.



Marina Cvetic ISKRA 2019

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC, Italy

ESTATE

Through tremendous vision and endless innovation, Masciarelli has not only become one of the most admired wineries in Italy, but is often regarded as the standard-bearer of the Abruzzo region. Led by the mother-daughter team of Marina Cvetic and Miriam Lee Masciarelli, the winery is the only one in Abruzzo to own land in all four provinces and produce wine from 100% estate-owned vineyards.

WINE

ISKRA is the Serbian word for "spark," and Gianni Masciarelli dedicated this wine to his wife, Marina Cvetic, who is from Serbia. It is among the Marina Cvetic line of wines, which Gianni created for his wife. Made from a single-vineyard cru of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, ISKRA is a wine of extraordinary distinction and depth.

VINEYARD

Location: All from a single-vineyard cru located in the province of Teramo at an altitude of approximately 2,400 feet above sea level

Soils: Mostly calcareous clay and lime with alluvial sediments

Farming: Traditional pergola as well as high density spur cordon and single guyot; all hand-harvested and farmed sustainably

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Fermentation: In stainless steel for 15-20 days, followed by a maceration lasting 20-30 days

Aging: 12 months in French barriques and 24 months in bottle

Alcohol: 15%

92+

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"Dark and brooding, the 2019 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva Iskra slowly evolves. Clove and mocha hints further complicate the dried black cherry and sage aromas. It's elegant and refined with polished red and blue fruits carried across a mineral core as sweet wood spice sensations form toward the close. The 2019 is structured with fine-grained tannins that saturate as cocoa and balsamic spice slowly taper off. This strapping Iskra is built for the cellar." - E.G., 8/23